

# Chapter 12: The Silk Road Student Notes

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## **Silk Road Trade**

1. What elements shaped trade routes and exchange networks?
2. What new technologies helped trade increase in this period?
3. Describe Petra and explain its role in the silk road system.
4. Besides the silk road, what new routes came about?
5. In addition to expanding trade in luxury goods, how did the Eurasian silk roads affect the places they were sold?
6. Besides goods, what else traveled along the silk road?
7. What religions spread along the silk road?

## **China**

8. What was the cause of the Yellow Turban Revolt?
9. What finally brought about an end to the Han dynasty?
10. After the Han fell, how did the barbarians affect China (or how did China affect the barbarians)?

## Decline of Rome

11. In the following chart, explain how each of these led to the fall of the Roman empire.

Event	How each contributed to the fall
Divisions within the Empire	
Diseases	
Size of the Empire	

### Break from the fall of Rome:

12. How did Diocletian pause Rome's downward spiral?

13. Describe the changes to Rome during the rule of Constantine.

### Back to the decline:

14. Who were the Visigoths? Why were they coming into the Roman empire?

15. Why were the barbarians especially angry with Rome? What did they do?

16. Where did the Byzantine empire come from?

## Changes to Christianity (before the fall of Rome)

17. How did Constantine change Christianity within the Roman empire and Christianity itself?

18. What impact did Theodosius have on Christianity?